Study to Assess the trends in Income inequalities and regional imbalances

2101. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission have conducted any study to assess the trends in income inequalities and regional imbalances since 1980;

(b) if so, the details thereof: and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) Two indicators of regional inequalities are available on regular basis. One is the per capita Net State Domestic Product compiled by Central Statistical Organisation every year, and the other is the State-wise estimates of poverty based on household consumption expenditure survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation. These estimates are made quinquennially. These data are studied and utilised for allocating central resources across States.

Scheme to provide Tools to Artisans

@2102. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme for providing modern tools to the traditional rural artisans, specially to those belonging to backward classes and SC/ST community.

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the total number of people likely to be benefited under this scheme along with the amount likely to be spent on it during the year 1993-94, State-wise and District-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Scheme of 'Supply of Improved Tools Kits to Rural Artisans' is under implementation as part of IRDP from this year in 62 districts of the country. All traditional rural artisans excepting weavers, tailors, needle workers and bidi workers living below the poverty line are covered under this scheme. The main objective of the scheme is to enable poor rural artisans earn higher income in their traditional abodes by using modern tools. This will also reduce their migration to urban areas. Under the scheme, the Government provide 90 per cent of the average cost of tool kits of Rs. 2000 as subsidy.

(c) During 1993-94, 100 more districts in the country are proposed to be covered under the scheme. A budget provision of Rs. 23.40 crores for the scheme has been proposed. With this 1.3 lakhs rural artisans are proposed to be assisted. Further details are being worked out.

Clearance of Water Supply scheme in Village Chaban, Poona

@@2103. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ground work on water supply scheme for 30,000 people of the village

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